

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph.

[0001] This is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 10/244,453 filed September 16, 2002 now U.S. Patent Number 6,745,493 B2 ~~by Steven M. Malachowski and Chieh-Min Cheng,~~ and claims priority therefrom.

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph.

[0024] Referring to Figure 1 a dryer for drying toner particles is shown generally at 10. The dryer 10 includes a drying chamber 12 in which the toner particles are dried. The drying chamber includes a curved portion 14 and can have a circular shape, a toroidal shape or any other suitable shape having a curved portion. Toroidal dryers have been used to dry materials such as waste products. Examples of toroidal flash dryers include the Aljet models made by Fluid Energy of Telford, PA. However, these toroidal dryers have not been used to dry heat sensitive materials, having melting points T_m and glass transition points T_g which adversely affect the resulting dried products. The dryer 10 has a curved inner radius portion 15.

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph.

[0028] The dryer 10 includes an exit path 26 communicating with the drying chamber 12 curved inner radius portion 15 for directing an exiting stream of the drying gas, shown by arrow 28, out of the drying chamber 12. The exit path 26 extends at approximately a right angle from the curved portion of the drying chamber 14 so that the exiting stream 28 forms an angle with the curved portion 22 of the circular flow. The angle can be approximately a right angle, although it has been found that varying this angle can create or reduce turbulence and affect the material cut point by size or mass. Accordingly, any suitable angle size may be used to produce the results desired.